

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 456

By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Bill Bradley for his distinguished service to the State of Tennessee on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Bill Bradley is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a forty-year employee of the State of Tennessee, Bill Bradley has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Mr. Bradley began his career in state government as an employee of the State Planning Office where he ably assisted local governments and quickly won the respect and admiration of his supervisors for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, Bill Bradley began his illustrious tenure with the Department of Finance and Administration where his attention to detail and mastery of financial data swiftly advanced his career and solidified his reputation as a gentleman of tremendous competence and integrity; and

WHEREAS, serving with the Department of Finance and Administration in a senior advisory role for the past two years, Mr. Bradley served as the Director of the Division of Budget for the Department of Finance and Administration for fourteen years before stepping down in 2011; and

WHEREAS, in his capacity as budget office director, Mr. Bradley oversaw the preparation and administration of the governor's annual budget, which estimates the revenue and expenditures required to run state government, as well as the annual budget document that details the estimates of revenue by source and the planned uses of that revenue by functional area of state government; and

WHEREAS, shouldering the heavy burden of overseeing state finances through some of the most difficult economic years in Tennessee history, Bill Bradley helped shepherd the budget and state finances with a dedicated diligence and the utmost integrity, working as budget director under three governors; and

WHEREAS, called on time and again for his expertise, Bill Bradley's understanding of state government operations and his unrivaled knowledge of state finances won him the respect and admiration of countless members of the General Assembly during his decades of state service; and

WHEREAS, a Vietnam veteran, Bill Bradley proudly served his country in the United States Air Force for four years; during the war, he rendered sterling service as an air traffic controller at one of the busiest airports in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bradley's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bradley is a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, and he has worked with purpose and conviction to establish a brighter future for the good people of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Bradley is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Nannette Peeler Bradley; their four children, Jennifer, Oliver, Kendra, and Katie; and their seven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bradley is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service and making Tennessee government work better for all Tennesseans, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and commend Mr. Bill Bradley for his honorable and exemplary service to the good people of Tennessee and extend our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.